

I agree with the precept of this filing. A CW testing requirement does not insure proper operating technique or improve technical expertise. Additionally, the CW requirement (element 1) is an advancement roadblock for many capable operators. While I personally use and enjoy CW, there are more practical modes to transmit needed communications in times of poor band conditions which are more inclusive to the Amateur community.

Removing the CW requirement will actually encourage Technicians to study to advance their License class, thus increasing technical expertise AND the pool of available operators in time of need.

Respectfully Submitted,
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